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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD HOUSING - PROPERTY NO. 06308H

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1. ASSIGNMENT OF FOUR BEDROOM GREW HOUSE APARTMENT FOR MSG HOUSING WAS MADE AS INTERIM TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT. CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS A LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR PROBLEM OF HOUSING OUR MSG DETACHMENT. FROM MARINE CORPS STANDPOINT IT IS NOT ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR DETACHMENT; IT PLACES UNDUE BURDEN ON NCOIC TO PROVIDE PROPER SUPERVISION OF DETACHMENT AND HAS A DIVISIVE EFFECT ON DETACHMENT ITSELF. DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES AND DAY TO DAY SCHEDULES (MSG ON 24 HOUR SCHEDULE) OF MARINES AND FAMILIES HOUSED IN AREA DO NOT LEND THEMSELVES TO AN ENTIRELY COMPATIBLE SITUATION. WHILE SITUATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED ON THE SHORT TERM, IT IS APPARENT THAT PATIENCE IS WEARING THINNER AND OVER THE LONGER TERM WE CAN EXPECT THAT IT WILL BECOME AN INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT FUNDING SITUATION IS STRINGENT AT BEST, BUT WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT THIS SITUATION BE RECTIFIED ASAP. POST ASKS THAT ITS REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO MAKE APPROPRIATE RENOVATIONS IN MARINE HOUSE AND ADJACENT SERVANTS QUARTERS (WHICH NOW HOUSE EIGHT MARINES) BE GIVEN PRIORITY ATTENTION.
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